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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
ABIDJAN BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THRU: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--November 1986

I. GENERAL

The bureau staff has begun to make increased use of the IBM-PCs. For some time the IBM's have been used to prepare editorial and monitorial schedules and monthly production, non-staff personnel, and property inventory reports. Recently, we have added the staff personnel report and FSN Periodic Step Increase dates. The bureau SOP is on disk and is now being updated using Multimate. The bureau deputy chief has been experimenting with LOTUS for future use in handling production data; the engineer is working with graphics and experimenting with various database applications; and the junior editor is developing the bureau's cabinet list. Implementation of the BACH system awaits the return from Headquarters of IBM PC/XT equipment which was damaged during shipment to the bureau.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. November was a slow month for the bureau, the only major event being the Franco-African summit held in Lome, Togo, between French President Mitterrand and the leaders of several African countries traditionally linked with France. Mitterrand also visited Mali and Burkina Faso while Foreign Minister Chirac visited Ivory Coast.

2. Chadian events remained confused with rumors that GUNT leader Goukouni Oueddei had been kidnapped and/or shot in Libya and various conflicting reports were filed as to who is now heading up GUNT. Amidst reports of Libyan-GUNT fighting in northern Chad, several Libyan envoys visited West Africa reportedly to drum up support for the Libyan position in Chad and the United Nations debate on Libya.

B. Communications

After remaining stable for most of the month, the bureau lost its Skylink connection on 25 November and commo remained out through 1 December. TCU technicians from Kinshasa and Monrovia were called in to troubleshoot the circuit. During the outage, tapes were handcarried to the Embassy for

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transmission by TCU which also intercepted the bureau's incoming traffic.

C. Lateral Services

1. The bureau processed two special requests from the Ivorian Foreign Ministry during the month: A French transcription of a lengthy 18 November press conference from Ouagadougou Domestic Service given by Burkinabe president Sankara and French president Mitterand during the latter's visit to Burkina Faso; and a French translation of statements made by the same two leaders at an official dinner on 17 November from Paris International Service. In the latter item, processed originally by London Bureau, Sankara "confronted" Mitterand on various topics including the PLO, Nicaragua, South Africa, and imperialism.

2. At the request of AMEMBASSY Accra, the bureau processed a 21 November commentary from Accra Domestic Service castigating VOA and BBC for carrying a false announcement of DPRK's Kim Il-song's death.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. FBN teletype operator [] EOD'd on 9 November.
2. Monitor [] and teletype operator [] received PSI's during the month.

B. Buildings and Grounds

IV. VISITS

1. FBIS Security Officer [] visited the bureau 15-20 November. He conducted a security survey of the bureau and residences, and held a security briefing for local and American staff.
2. The chief of the Ivorian Foreign Ministry's Press Information Office, Marc Zike, visited the bureau on 20 November for a tour and to discuss our proposal for electronic dissemination of selected articles to the Foreign Ministry.
3. On 24 November, Lt. Cdr. Steven Ligon, N-2 Intelligence Officer

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assigned to US COMSOLANT, visited the bureau. Ligon was a member of a naval delegation headed by Adm. David Chandler which was on an official visit to Ivory Coast.



Chief, Abidjan Bureau

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Attachment:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for NOVEMBER 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	132740
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	6350
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	357

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	8037.00	23700.00	113.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in French	4320		
Parakou Domestic Service in French	0		
Cotonou EHUZO in French			0

BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in French	10550		
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French			0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French			0

CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in English	670		
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	3430		
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English			0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French			0

CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI POVO in Portuguese			0
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Bangui Domestic Service in French	8010		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CHAD			
Ndjamena Domestic Service in French	6860		
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio in French	0		
CONGO			
Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	0		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA			
Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	460		
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		6020	
Paris AFP in French		9520	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in French		790	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in English		0	
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			5800
GABON			
Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	2590		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	140		
Libreville L'UNION in French			0
GHANA			
Accra Domestic Service in English	11510		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English			0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0
 GREAT BRITAIN London BBC in English	 2060		
 GUINEA Conakry Domestic Service in French	 4210		
Conakry HUROYA in French			0
 GUINEA-BISSAU Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			0
 IVORY COAST Abidian Domestic Service in French	 2270		
Abidian television Service in French	0		
Abidian FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			0
Abidian FRATERNITE MATIN in French			1320
Abidian INFORMATION in French			0
Abidian IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French			0
 LIBERIA Monrovia Domestic Service in English	 2180		
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	4610		
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English			0
 MALI Bamako Domestic Service in French	 4250		

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Bamako L'ESSOR in
French

0

MAURITANIA

Nouakchott Domestic Service in
French

1150

Nouakchott CHAAB in
French

0

NIGER

Niamey Domestic Service in
French

1120

Niamey LE SAHEL in
French

0

Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in
French

0

NIGERIA

Lagos International Service in
English

900

Lagos Domestic Service in
English

7590

Kaduna Domestic Service in
English

0

Lagos NAN in
English

2610

Lagos DAILY TIMES in
English

0

Lagos THE GUARDIAN in
English

0

SENEGAL

Dakar Domestic Service in
French

960

DAKAR PANA in
english

860

Dakar PANA in
French

2280

Dakar LE SOLEIL in
French

0

SIERRA LEONE

Freetown Domestic Service in
English

0

Freetown DAILY MAIL in
English

0

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
THE GAMBIA Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in English			0
TOGO Lome International Service in French	0		
Lome Domestic Service in French	15560		
Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in French			0
ZAIRE Kinshasa Domestic Service in French	1400		
Kinshasa AZAP in French		6740	
Kinshasa ELIMA in French			0